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[Whitehead, Uriah]

FOR **FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK**

DATE **Fri. Jan. 20, 1956**

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VIDEO

AUDIO

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

TODAY I WANT TO TELL THE STORY OF OUR FARM FAMILY OF THE WEEK JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY THAN I USUALLY DO. LAST SATURDAY I TRAVELED TO LOUISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, UP IN WINSTON COUNTY TO ATTEND THEIR ANNUAL RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPME PROGRAM, AT WHICH TIME THEY HONOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING COMMUNITIES OF THE COUNTY AND THE MOST OUTSTANDING EARM FAMILY IN EACH COMMUNITY. THE REASON I WANT TO TELL THE STORY IN THIS WAY IS THAT ONE FARM FAMILY IS SELECTED AS THE MOST OUTSTANDING IN THE COUNTY AND THAT IS THE FAMILY WE SALUTE TODAY. WE WILL SHOW YOU PICTURES MADE DURING THE PROGRAM LAST SATURDAY AND AFTER YOU SEE THE AWARDING OF THE HONOR TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY WE WILL TAKE YOU BY MEANS OF PICTURES ON A TOUR OF THAT FAMILY'S FARM. NOW HERE IS OUR FILM STORY, AND I WILL EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING AS WE GO ALONG. (LANGFITT WILL NARRATE AD LIB TO CONCLUSION)

SILENT FILM

CAMERA ON LANGFITT

NOW, YOU HAVE SEEN THE FAMILY WE SALUTE TODAY. MR. AND MRS. URIAH Z. WHITEHEAD AND SON RILEY OF THE ELLISON RIDGE COMMUNITY OF WINSTON COUNT BEFORE I TURN TO THEIR FARM STORY I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WONDERFUL HELP I RECIEVED FROM COUNTY AGENT ED SESSUMS AND HOME DEMONSTRATIO

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SLIDE FARM-1
SIGN

SLIDE FARM-2
MAILBOX

SLIDE FARM-3
HOUSE

AGENT, MISS HILDRETH PRICE. THEY WENT TO THE WHITEHEAD FARM WITH ME AND HELPED ME GREATLY IN ASSEMBLING THIS STORY. AS I SAID, THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. URIAH Z. WHITEHEAD AND SON RILEY, OF THE ELLISON RIDGE COMMUNITY OF WINSTON COUNTY. ELLISON RIDGE COMMUNITY IS LOCATED ABOUT 15 MILES EAST AND SOUTH OF LOUISVILLE. OUR FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE URIAH WHITEHEAD FARM WAS THIS WELL KEPT MAILBOX BY THE SIDE OF ROAD. BY THE WAY, ALL THE MAILBOXES IN THIS COMMUNITY LOOK IN SIMILAR CONDITION BECAUSE OF ONE OF THE PROJECTS OF THIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLUB TO WHICH THE WHITEHEADS BELONG AND THROUGH WHICH THEY WORK TO HELP THEIR NEIGHBORS MAKE THEIR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE. THIS IS THE HOME OF MR. AND MRS. URIAH WHITEHEAD MR. WHITEHEAD WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THIS FARM. MRS. WHITEHEAD MOVED TO WINSTON COUNTY FROM ARKANSAS WHEN SHE WAS EIGHT AND HER FOLKS SETTLED THREE MILES UP THE ROAD FROM HER PRESENT HOME. SHE AND MR. WHITEHEAD MET AS THEY WERE GROWING UP IN THE SAME COMMUNITY. WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED 15 YEARS AGO URIAH WHITEHEAD OWNED 20 ACRES OF LAND AND HE AND HIS BROTHER FARMED IT AND A 20 HIS BROTHER OWNED AS A 40 ACRE FARM. HE WAS ALSO HELPING TO FARM HIS FATHER'S LAND.

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SLIDE FARM-4
BARN

URIAH WHITEHEAD AND HIS BRIDE LIVED IN THIS HOUSE WITH URIAH'S FATHER AND MOTHER UNTIL URIAH WENT INTO SERVICE IN 1942. WHEN HE RETURNED FROM SERVICE IN 1946 HE BOUGHT HIS FATHER'S LAND AND MOVED BACK INTO THE HOUSE IN WHICH HE HAD GROWN TO MANHOOD. TODAY URIAH WHITEHEAD OWNS HIS 100 ACRES WITHOUT A DEBT AGAINST IT. ONE OF THE REASONS THE WHITEHEADS WERE NAMED THE OUTSTANDING FAMILY IN THE ELLISON RIDGE COMMUNITY WAS BECAUSE OF THE FINE CONDITION OF THEIR FARM BUILDINGS. WHEN URIAH WHITEHEAD IS NOT NEEDED OR CAN'T GET INTO THE FIELD HE IS BUSY REPAIRING BUILDINGS AND FENCES. WHEN HE CAME BACK FROM SERVICE, ALONG WITH COTTON AND CORN HE STARTED DAIRYING. HE STARTED WITH FOUR COWS AND SOLD GRADE "C" MILK TO THE PET MILK COMPANY. TODAY HE HAS 15 HEAD OF COWS, 9 NOW IN PRODUCTION AND FIVE REPLACEMENT HEIFERS. HE STILL SELLS GRADE "C" MILK, DELIVERING ABOUT 10 GALLONS A DAY RIGHT NOW AND OVER 20 GALLONS WHEN ALL HIS COWS ARE FRESH. HE HAS A GRADE HERD BUT PLANS TO BUY A REGISTERED HEIFER FOR RILEY TO START INTO 4-H CLUB WORK. I SHOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THIS WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A REGISTERED JERSEY HERD ON THE

SLIDE FARM-5
COWS

SLIDE FARM-6
HEIFERS

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SLIDE <u>FARM-7</u> HAY	<p>URIAH WHITEHEAD FARM. HIS PERMANENT GRAZING CONSISTS OF 15 ACRES OF LESPEDEZE, BERMUDA AND DALLIS GRASS. IN ADDITION, OATS ARE PLANTED FOR TEMPORARY GRAZING AND ARE THEN CARIED ON AND HARVESTED AS HAY. MR. WHITEHEAD PUTS UP ABOUT 15 TONS OF OAT HAY. HE ALSO HAS 3 ACRES OF SERECIA FOR TEMPORARY GRAZING AND HE CLIPS HIS PASTURES FOR WEED CONTROL. LAST YEAR URIAH WHITEHEAD HAD 10 ACRES OF CORN WHICH AVERAGED 60 BUSHELS TO THE ACRE. IT IS USED ON THE FARM AS FEED FOR CATTLE, HOGS AND POULTRY. URIAH WHITEHEAD IS A COMBINATION MULE AND TRACTOR FARMER. GROUND BREAKING AND PREPERATION IS DONE WITH A TRACTOR AND THE CULTIVATING IS DONE WITH A TEAM OF MULES. HIS SEED BED IS ALREADY PREPARED FOR NEXT SPRING'S COTTON CROP. LAST YEAR HE HAD 8.2 ACRES OF COTTON WHICH MADE 11 BALES. HE TESTS ALL HIS SOIL AND FERTILIZES ACCORDING TO NEEDS. HE ALSO FOLLOWS A COMPLETE POISONING PROGRAM ON HIS COTTON. URIAH WHITEHEAD FOLLOWS HIS COUNTY AGENT'S ADVICE IN MOST EVERY PHASE OF HIS FARM PROGRAM. HE HAS A WELL BALANCED AND WELL DIVERSIFIED PROGRAM ON HIS 100 ACRES. 25 ACRES OF LAND IS IN TIMBER</p>
SLIDE <u>FARM-8</u> CORN	
SLIDE <u>FARM-9</u> COTTON LAND	
SLIDE <u>FARM-10</u> TIMBER	

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SLIDE FARM-11
HOG

SLIDE FARM-12
SMOKE HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-13
BACON

SLIDE FARM-14
HENS

SLIDE FARM-15
ORCHARD

CONSISTING OF BOTH PINE AND HARDWOODS. THE HARDWOODS AND PINE ARE THINNED AND WEEDED AS NECESSARY AND FROM HIS OWN TIMBER URIAH WHITEHEAD REPAIRED HIS BARN, BUILT A STORM HOUSE, AND OTHER OUTBUILDINGS AND COMPLETELY REMODELED THEIR HOME INSIDE, DOING ALL THE WORK HIMSELF. HE ALSO USUALLY RAISES ABOUT 10 TO 30 HEAD OF HOGS SOME FOR MARKET, BUT MOSTLY FOR HOME USE AND FOR SALE AS ~~XXX~~ HAMS, SAUSAGE AND BACON. HE HAS BUILT A SMOKE HOUSE AND SELLS MOST OF HIS HOGS AS PROCESSED MEAT. HE JUST RECENTLY BUTCHERED AND RIGHT NOW ONLY HAS ONE REGISTERED GILT ON THE FARM. HE QUIT SELLING FOR MARKET WHEN THE PRICES DROPPED OUT FROM UNDER HOGS, AND MAKES A BETTER PROFIT ON HIS HOGS SELLING THEM THROUGH PROCESSED MEAT. THESE THREE SIDES OF BACON ARE ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE MEAT NOW CURING IN THE SMOKEHOUSE. THE WHITEHEAD'S BUY 50 PULLETS EVERY YEAR AND SELL MOST OF THEIR HENS EVERY YEAR. RIGHT NOW THEY HAVE 75 LAYING HENS AND FROM THEM MRS. WHITEHEAD SELLS ABOUT 15 DOZEN EGGS PER WEEK. THEY ALSO HAVE 25 GUINEA HENS WHICH THEY KEEP FOR EGGS. FRUIT AND VEGETABLES FOR HOME AND MARKET ARE PRODUCED IN IN THIS ORCHARD OF 25 PEACH, APPLE, PEAR, FIG,

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SLIDE FARM-16
FOOD FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-17
KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-18
DINING ROOM

SLIDE FARM-19
TWO FIDDLERS

AND APRICOT TREES AND A QUARTER ACRE GARDEN AND ABOUT TWO ACRES OF TRUCK PATCHES. FROM THEIR TRUCK PATCHES THEY RAISE ABOUT AN ACRE OF WATERMELONS FOR MARKET AND SWEET POTATOES, LIMA BEANS, IRISH POTATOES AND PEANUTS FOR HOME USE AND MARKET. MUCH OF THE FOOD SAVED FOR HOME CONSUMPTION GOES INTO THIS HOME FREEZER. MRS. WHITEHEAD FREEZES ABOUT 1500 POUNDS OF FOOD EACH YEAR. SUCH THINGS AS BEEF, PORK, 50 HENS, BEANS PEAS AND FISH. SHE ALSO CANS ABOUT 200 JARS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. THE WHITEHEADS HAVE COMPLETELY REMODELED THEIR HOME AND MRS. WHITEHEAD HAS A VERY MODERN KITCHEN IN WHICH TO COOK FOR HER FAMILY. THE ENTIRE INSIDE OF THE HOUSE HAS BEEN REPAINTED BY MR. AND MRS. WHITEHEAD AND THIS VERY BEAUTIFUL DINING ROOM IS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL VERY HOMEY AND COMFORTABLE ROOMS THE FAMILY ENJOYS. SOME OF THEIR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE INCLUDE MORE REMODELING, FIXING THE ROOF OF THE HOUSE AND AN OUTSIDE PAINT JOB. MR. AND MRS. URIAH WHITEHEAD HAVE A COMPLETE UTILIZATION PROGRAM ON THEIR SMALL ACREAGE AND THEY NOT ONLY LIVE OFF THE PRODUCE OF THEIR LAND BUT THEY ALSO FIND MUCH OF THEIR PLEASURE AT HOME. THE WHITEHEAD FAMILY IS A MUSICAL FAMILY. AT ONE

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CAMERA ON FAMILY

TIME THEY USED TO FURNISH ENTERTAINMENT FOR COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS. URIAH WHITEHEAD AND HIS FATHER, WHO LIVES WITH THEM, STILL LOVE TO PICK UP THEIR FIDDLES AND DRAW OUT A PLEASANT TUNE OCCASIONALLY. THE WHITEHEAD FAMILY NOT ONLY DOES AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF THEIR FARM AND HOME PROGRAM BUT THEY CONTRIBUTE MUCH OF THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THE FAMILY ATTENDS THE GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH REGULARLY AND MRS. WHITEHEAD IS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT. MR. AND MRS. WHITEHEAD, WORKING IN THEIR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CLUB WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS, ALSO HELPED TO REPAINT THE CHURCH INSIDE AND OUT. THEY HAVE ALSO HELPED TO CARRY OUT A RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM IN THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH ALL DOGS WERE VACCINATED AND AHEV PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART WITH THEIR NEIGHBO IN MANY OTHER COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS. MRS. WHITEHEAD IS ON THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE OF THE CLUB AND THEY HELPED TO FOUND THE CLUB THREE YEARS AGO. THEY ARE BOTH ACTIVE IN P.T.A. WORK MRS. WHITEHEAD IS SECRETARY OF THE ~~XXXXXX~~ HICKORY GROVE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB AND ALSO SECRETARY OF THE COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCIL. MR. WHITEHEAD IS A FARM BURAU MEMBER.